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SATURDAY, DEC. 31, 1870.

FIRST SALEDAY IN 1871.—Monday next is Salesday. Quite an amount of property is advertised for sale! The old year is gone. Does not every man desire to start the new year afresh? Come, then, to the saloon Monday next. Each new husband can get something that will please his new wife, a fine horse, a new estate, buggy, or something else equally acceptable.

The old year is gone! Every body comes to the First Salesday in 1871!

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.—A pleasant life interposed with delicious dreams is wished to all parties who may chance to read the advertisement of Kohl & Bro.

But we would advise our readers to leave it—yes! steer clear of these gentlemen's advertisement; for such is announced in it that we fear that our readers will rush to Orangeburg and our little souls in the hereinafter squeezed to death. But do as you please. Read it if you want to.

CONVENTION OF RAILROAD PUS-
DENTS.—We are advised by a dispatch from Col. Wm. Johnston, President of Charlotte, Columbia, and Augusta Railroad, that a convention of the representatives of the different railroads constituting the through lines between New Orleans and New York, via Montgomery, Atlanta, and Augusta, is called to be held in Augusta on Wednesday, the 4th of January, proximo, to perfect through schedules, and for other purposes. It is of the utmost importance that all the railroads interested should be represented in the convention.—*Augusta Constitutionalist.*

The first locomotive that ever did service in the United States, is now lying outside of a foundry at Carbondale, Læsene County.

A Detroit burglar, while in a hallway on a thieving expedition, being asked "What do you want?" coolly replied, "Oh, nothing. I'll help myself."

Treasurer Spinner says that if the evil is not corrected by the Government of compensating insufficiently the time will still come, if not already upon us, when none but rich men or thieves will be able to hold any public office.

Several live lizards have been found imbedded in petrified fir trees, which were found in the forest near Calitoga, California. One is now on exhibition in San Francisco. They are unlike any species now known.

A "wild woman" lately made her appearance among a number of woodchoppers, near West Mountain, Maine, and scared them badly. Instead of attempting to capture her, the valiant choppers of wood beat a hasty retreat, leaving all their implements behind.

General Schenck, who has just been appointed to succeed Mr. Motley as Minister to England, is sixty-one years old, and is a native of Ohio. His experience has been wide and varied. He has been a teacher, a lawyer, a railroad agent, and has served the Government for many years as Minister to Brazil, member of Congress and General in the army.

The United States Consul at Jersusalem, Mr. R. Beardaley, has sent to Vice President Colfax a speaker's mallet of olive wood, with heads of oak from Abraham's oak at Hebron, a chalice of olive wood from the Mount of Olives, and an inkstand and sand box of asphalt from the Dead Sea, all beautifully carved and polished.

Christopher Ludi, of Muscatine, Iowa, has a wonderful dog. Ludi is a baker, and his dog is a policeman. He missed money from his drawer. He threatened to blow his dog's head off for letting him be robbed. Thereupon the dog pulled him, led him to a mouse nest in the corner, where Ludi found his greenbacks. He says he "take on thousand dollars for that dog."

The Prussians always form their camp in the shape of a square, whatever may be the strength of the force engaged to bivouac. Their brigades, divisions and army corps are distinguished by one or more beacons, or ordinary lights, covered w. white or many colored glasses, the object of which is, first, to mark the abode of the generals; secondly, to facilitate the communication of orders emanating from those in command.

The Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer has the following: "For Sale.—A young gentleman of good business habits and small family, discouraged at the slow prospect for business, requests us to advertise for sale for ten years for his widow, in clothes. We presume there are more who can be bought in similar terms. We would like to get a somebody who would consider example & conduct an equivalent for light work and good feed."

The Washington Star says that the Arlington estate never did belong to General Lee. At the death of George W. P. Custis a life interest was bequeathed to Mrs. Lee, his daughter, and at her death it was to go to her grandsons, Custis and Fitzhugh Lee. The taxes upon the property having accumulated during the rebellion, it was sold thereafter and purchased by the government. This will be seen, it is known, in the tax tree. Subsequently efforts were made to reduce it by paying the amount of taxes, but they were unsuccessful, and the time is still very uncertain, when, by virtue of the tax sale, it will be sold.

A CHILD'S OPINION.—"Pa," said a little boy as he climbed to his father's knee and looked in his face earnestly, as to understand the importunity of the subject, "Pa, your soul is snuffed!"

"What are you thinking about, my son?" said the agitated father.

"Well, Pa, I heard Uncle George say that you had your houses insured, and you assured me he didn't believe you had thought of your soul, and so was afraid you'd lose it. Won't you get insured right away?"

The father leaned his head on his hand and was silent. He owned broad acres of land that were covered with a beautiful produce, his barns were even now filled with grain, his buildings all were covered by insurance; but, still, if that would not suffice for the maintenance of his wife and only child in case of his decease, he had the day before taken a life policy for a large amount, yet not one thought had he given to his immortal soul.

A PROMISING BOY.—A certain judge, while attending court in a shire town, was passing along a road when a boy was letting down the bars to drive some cattle in.

His father stood in the door of his house, on the opposite side of the road, and, seeing what his hopeful was doing, shouted out:

"John, don't you drive them cattle in there; I told you to put them in the pasture behind the house."

The boy took no notice whatever of the remonstrance, and his father repeated the order in a louder tone, without the least effect, and the third time gave positive orders not to drive the cattle in there.

The son didn't deign to look up, at disobeyed the parental injunction with a coolness which positively shocked the judge, who looked at the culprit, said, in a tone of official dignity:

"Boy, don't you hear your father speaking to you?"

"Oh, yes-s-s!" replied the boy, looking at the judge, "but I don't mind what he says. Mother don't neither, and, between she and I, we've got the dog so he don't!"

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THEIR LAUGHTER

IN

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BAKER and BROKER.

No. 25 Broad Street.

December 30, 1870.

STATE SECURITIES—South Carolina, old, \$100; new, @ \$6; do, reg'd stock, ex int., \$68.

CITY SECURITIES—Augusta, Ga., Bonds, \$750; Charleston, S. C. Stock, (ex int.) \$600; do, Fire Loan Bonds, @ \$6; Columbia, S. C. Bonds, @ \$60.

RAILROAD BONDS—Blue Ridge (first mortg.) 60@%; Charleston and Savannah, @ \$30; Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta, @ \$35; Cheraw and Darlington, @ \$32; Greenville and Columbia, (1st mort.) @ \$35; Northeastern, 87 @%; Savannah and Charleston, (1st mort.) @ \$75; do, (State guarantee) @ \$6; South Carolina, @ \$75; do, 71; Spartanburg and Union, @ \$55.

KATHARINE STOCKS—Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta, @ \$40; Greenville and Columbia, @ \$35; Northeastern, @ \$12; Savannah and Charleston, @ \$31; South Carolina, (whole shares) @ \$41; do, (half do) @ \$21.

EXCHANGE, &c.—New York Stock, 1/2 off per cent.

110@%; Silver, 105@%.

SOUTH CAROLINA BANK BILLS.

Bank of Charleston @ \$6

Bank of Newberry @ \$6

Bank of Camden @ \$6

Bank of Georgetown @ \$6

Bank of South Carolina @ \$6

Bank of Chester @ \$6

Bank of Hamburg @ \$6

Bank of State of S. C. prior to 1861 @ \$6

Bank of State of issue 1861 and 1862 @ \$6

Planters' and Mechanics' Bank of Charleston @ \$6

Bank of Edisto @ \$6

Bank of Charleston @ \$6

Bank of Columbia @ \$6

Bank of Greenville @ \$6

Bank of Spartanburg @ \$6

Bank of Union @ \$6

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